

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SOURCES

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: John Fisher, Environmental Enforcement Div.
FROM: Lynne Ward, Conservation Officer
SUBJECT: Barrels of Industrial Waste Dumped at Smith Road, Shiawassee County

On August 7, 1979 I contacted Mr. Don Barta, the owner of the property where the barrels are dumped, at his residence. (5650 Smith road, TX 723-5651) He stated that he had bought the property from Kent Aurand in May of 1977, and the barrels were there then, and Mr. Aurand informed him that they were safe. When Mr. Barta asked Mr. Aurand about removing the barrels, he was told that it was his problem. Mr. Barta wants the barrels moved if there is any danger to the water.

On August 25, 1979 I contacted Mr. Kent Aurand at his residence on Johnstone road. (West of Smith road $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, south side) He stated that while he was an employee of Mid-West Abrasive in Owosso, he became aware of the companys desire to dispose of several barrels of waste. He contacted Mr. Clyde Dockey, Purchasing Director for Mid-West, about taking the barrels off their hands. Mr. Aurand said he wanted to fill in part of the gravel pit on his property, and thought this might help. He made arrangements to haul the barrels to his land, and Mid-West paid him to do so. (He said it was about \$3.50 per barrel, but couldn't remember for sure) He was assured by Mr. Dockey that the contents of the barrels was not harmful in any way, and that most of it would harden in a very short period of time. He rented a U-Haul and made two or three trips hauling the barrels. He said he thought there were around 100 barrels in all. His wife said she thought there were more than that.

On September 10, 1979 I contacted Mr. Clyde Dockey by telephone. (He lives at 2200 S. Chipman st., Owosso, TX 723-2276) He no longer works for Mid-West, and is semi-retired. He remembers working with Mr. Aurand about disposing of the barrels at the gravel pit, and said all of the material placed there is safe, and that any waste that was considered harmful was hauled by Berlin & Ferro. The contents of the barrels was a washing tank residue of animal hide glue, powdered limestone, and water. There also was some Phenolic Resin included. Mr. Dockey was very cooperative and should be contacted directly for more information.



